

**REMARKS**

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of November 1, 2005 has been received and contents carefully reviewed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 5.

Claims 1-39 are currently pending in the present application, of which claims 10-14, 19-21, 27-31 and 35 have been withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). In particular, "the center electrode forming below the slit and same layer as a gate line must be shown..." Applicant respectfully submits that the aforementioned feature is clearly shown in the drawings for the following reasons. The specification of the present application at page 10, lines 4-14, discloses, "the center electrode 122 is preferably formed in the same layer as gate lines or data lines (shown in FIG. 1)." Because Fig. 7 of the present application clearly shows the center electrode 122 formed below the slit 110 and the pixel electrode 100, and because Figs. 1 and 2 clearly show the relationship between the gate lines 26 and the pixel electrode 22, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-7, 15, 22-24, 32-34, 36-37 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuoka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,952,249) in view of Takeda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,724,452); rejected claims 8-9, 16-18, 25-26 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over by Matsuoka et al. in view of Takeda et al. and Applicant's Related Art (ARA). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

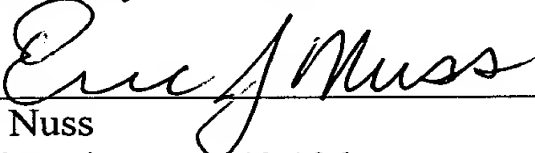
Applicant respectfully submits that Matsuoka et al. is continuation of application No. 09/500,114, filed on Feb. 8, 2000. The present application claims the benefits of foreign priority to Korea Patent Application No. 1999-56162, of which the filing date is December 9, 1999, which is earlier than the effective U.S. filing date of Matsuoka et al. To perfect the claim of foreign priority, Applicant herewith submits a certified translation of Korea Patent Application No. 1999-56162. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the above 103(a) rejections based on Matsuoka et al. are moot.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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